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## 8. Candlemas Day,

Half your corn and half your hay.

(This applies also to wood and coal.)

9. If it rains when the sun is shining, it will be rainy the next day.

10. When wood on the fire makes a peculiar hissing noise, it is said to tread snow, and there will soon be a storm.

11. If a storm clears off in the night, pleasant weather will last but a few hours.

12. There will be as many snow-storms during the winter as the date on which the first one of the season occurs. For instance, if the first snow fall of snow occurs November 25th, there will be twenty-five snow-storms.

13. If the stars are remarkably clear and bright, it is likely there will be a storm the next day.

14. Fog in winter is always succeeded by cold and wind.

15. If the first Sunday in the month is rainy, the succeeding Sundays will also be rainy. — *Henry M. Brooks, Salem, Mass.*

CUSTOM OBSERVED IN PLANTING A FRUIT-TREE. — In planting a fruit-tree, it is important to have a growing child jump over it! Some mysterious sympathy in growth is alleged as the explanation. This proceeding seems to have died out in this neighborhood, if indeed it ever generally prevailed, but was common and traditional on the Eastern Shore of Maryland not very long ago. — *W. H. Babcock, Washington, D. C.*

GAME OF THE FARMER AND HIS WIFE. — In a school on Long Island, composed almost entirely of German children, a favorite play is one they call "Heigho! A Cherry, O!" The children stand in a ring. One within it represents "the farmer." The children go round and round, singing: —

Heigho! a Cherry, O!

A Cherry, O!

A Cherry, O!

Heigho! a Cherry, O!

The farmer takes a wife.

Here the farmer chooses one from the ring who stands by his side.

In succeeding verses "the wife" takes "the nurse," "the nurse" takes "the child," "the child" takes "the dog," "the dog" takes "the cat," but on the cat's coming into the ring, the verse is sung as usual until the last line is reached, when the children substitute,

The cat shan't stay!

and violently clap their hands. All change places, with the exception of the cat, who now becomes the farmer. This is somewhat different from the version of this game contained in the "Games and Songs of American Children." — *Julia D. Whiting, Holyoke, Mass.*

LINES FROM THE COVER OF AN OLD BIBLE. — In Mr. R. A. Grider's valuable antiquarian collections of the Mohawk Valley I find the following lines from the inside of the cover of an old Bible. From the spelling of the names it must have been quite old: —